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Remarks

Claims 2-5, 8, 9, and 11-18 are pending, with claims 11 and 18 being independent. Claims 1, 6, 7, and 10 are canceled by this amendment without waiver or prejudice.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 11 contains allowable subject matter.

Drawing Objections

The drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "52" has been used to designate both expulsion aperture and internal wall. Applicant has amended page 5, paragraph [0014], to correct a typographical error to reflect that internal wall is referenced by character "54" and not "52". Applicant also has corrected a typographical error on page 5, paragraph [0011], to reflect that the recess is referenced by character "50" and not "52".

The drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include reference sign "s126" mentioned in the description on page 9, line 30. Applicant has amended page 9, paragraph [0024], to correct a typographical error. The reference sign should be "126" and not "s126". Reference sign "126" is illustrated at least, for example, in Figure 11.

The drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5) because they include a reference character, 80, not mentioned in the description. Applicant respectfully traverses this objection. Reference character 80 is mentioned in the description on at least, for example, page 7, paragraph [0018].

The drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) for not showing every feature specified in the claims 4, 10, 12, and 15. Applicant respectfully traverses this objection.

Claim 4 recites a transparent window located in one of the connector and the receptacle. At least, for example, in Figures 6-8 and the corresponding text, this feature is illustrated and described. For example, in paragraph [0017], the end cap section 60 may be manufactured of transparent plastic. Furthermore, for example, in the same paragraph it states: "By constructing the dome shape section 64 in transparent plastic, the operator of the planer can look into the debris collection container to determine how full [the] container is." Also, for example, in

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paragraph [0019], it describes that the circular end piece 82 (shown, for example, in Figures 6 and 8) on the receptacle can be manufactured of transparent plastic material to enable an operator to view inside the receptacle from the base.

Claim 10 has been canceled by this amendment.

Claim 12 does not recite "two pegs" as stated in the Office Action. However, claim 11 does recite "two pegs." The two pegs 122 are illustrated and described at least, for example, in Figs. 9-11 and in the corresponding text.

Claim 15 has been amended to correct a typographical error that the first section includes a "loop" instead of a "hoop." The recited loop and catch feature are illustrated and describe at least, for example, in Figures 6 and 8 and the corresponding text, for example, on page 7, paragraph [0020].

For the reasons discussed above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all objections to the drawings.

Provisional Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-18 stand provisionally rejected for obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-17 of copending Application No. 10/729,231. Upon the claims otherwise being allowable, Applicant will file a terminal disclaimer to remove this rejection.

Specification

The specification has been amended to address the informalities raised by the examiner. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the specification.

35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph Rejection

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Specifically, the Office Action states that, with respect to claims 1 and 18, neither the specification nor the drawings provide support for "...wherein the

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part spherical shaped dome section includes a deflector for curving the path of air and debris..." Applicant has canceled claim 1 and incorporated the limitations of claim 1 into amended independent claim 11. Independent claim 11 has been amended to obviate the rejection and recites "...wherein the part spherical shaped dome section includes a curved path to deflect air and debris..." Independent claim 18 has been amended in a similar manner.

With respect to claims 13-17, it is clear, at least for example, from Figures 6-8 and the corresponding text from paragraph [0018] to paragraph [0021] that the exemplary implementation of receptacle 70 may include an annular plastic ring 72 at one end, a circular end piece 82 formed from plastic at the other end, and a tubular shaped cloth bag 86 that connects between the plastic annular ring 72 and the circular end piece 82 and surrounds a helical spring. Thus, at least this one exemplary implementation in the specification and the drawings, provide clear support for reciting a receptacle that includes a first rigid section, a second rigid section and a deformable section. Furthermore, at least for example, paragraph [0020], at least this exemplary implementation describes a catch 88 and a loop 90 on the respective end pieces 72 and 82, that provides clear support for the two plastic sections to be attached in a compressed condition.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 112, first paragraph rejection of claims 1-18.

35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph Rejection

Claims 10 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. Claim 10 has been canceled by this amendment and claim 11 has been amended to recite "means for connecting" and "means for biasing" as suggested by the Examiner.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 112, second paragraph rejection of claim 11.

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Other Rejections

With respect to the other rejections, Applicant has placed claim 11 in independent form and incorporated the limitations of the base claim 1 and the intervening claims 6 and 7. Similarly to claim 11, Applicant has amended claim 18 to recite similar limitations.

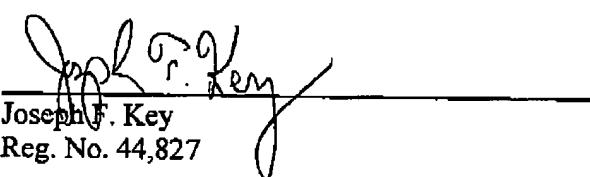
For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the remaining rejections.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

Enclosed is an authorization to charge deposit account 02-2548 for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 02-2548.

Respectfully submitted,

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